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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: David G. Lamphere, Thomas D. Headley

Application No.: 09/733,624  
Filed: December 8, 2000  
For: Shaped Diaphragm for a Centrifuge System Rotor

Group No.: ~~2412~~ 1723  
Examiner: Sorkin, D.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. Prior to abandonment of the application

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## ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

Amendment Under 27 C.F.R. § 1.116-Expedited Procedure Examining Group 2412  
 New arguments  
 Formal Drawings for Figures 2, 5 and 6 (Pages 1/8, 3/8 and 4/8)

### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 750.00

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	6	- 20	= 0	x \$ 18.00	= \$	0.00	
INDEP.	2	- 4	= 0	x \$ 84.00	= \$	0.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 280.00	= \$	0.00	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE					\$	0.00	

No additional fee for claims is required.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for two months:

Fee: \$410.00

### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$750.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$410.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$1,160.00

### PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

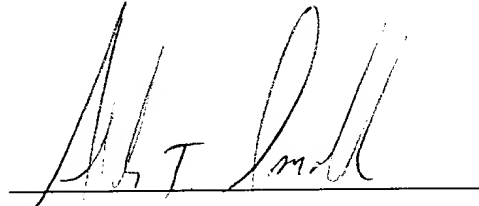
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### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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